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1. There is a new Bulgarian officer academy near the village of Gornja Banja. The village is south of Sofia. The academy buildings are on Sulin Planina Mountain. Construction on the project is still under way. At the present time 1953 the complex consists of one four-story quarters building 30 by 150 m; two four-story quarters buildings, each 30 by 100 m; four four-story quarters buildings, each 30 by 150 m, with numerous new garages, shops and depots. Through the middle of the complex runs a concrete road which crosses the mountain. There is an exercise area and sport field on the other side of the mountain.

2. The academy is directly under the army high command and at present has 650 to 700 students, who take instruction in all arms.

3. The training unit is organized into a staff section, consisting of an infantry platoon, an artillery battery, an armored platoon, an engineer platoon, and a cavalry squad.

4. The academy has an auto park consisting of 6 motorcycles, 11 Czech and Soviet personnel cars, 12 cross-country vehicles, 16 to 18 Soviet **3-ton** trucks.

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